



"Ponder the path of thy feet and let all thy Ways be established" Prov. 4:26.

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### PLEASANT HILL ITEMS.

A very large snow at present writing.

Elmer Newby and family spent Friday with Gasperson's.

Ed Smart is back from Springfield at present on account of his wife's sickness.

Mr. Vaughn and wife visited Mr. Gasperson and wife Sun.

Henry Smart called at Martin Miller's Sunday.

Rod Roney, Oscar Kidd and Nellie Parmenter taken dinner with Emma Smart Sunday.

Dave Best called at Parmenter's Sunday.

Mrs. Cals is visiting her daughter Mrs. Elmer Newby at present.

Charley McCarty and sister and John Kansas is visiting at Bud Sisco's at present.

Rod Roney, Emma Smart, Oscar Kidd and Nellie Parmenter called at Bud Sisco's Sunday eve.

Lawrence and Clarence Vaughn called at Smart's Sat.

Nellie Parmenter was the welcome guest of Clara Gasperson Sunday night and Monday.

Tom Gasperson and family spent Sat. and Sun. with his father and mother.

Emma Smart and Nellie Parmenter called on Clara Gasperson a few minutes Friday.

John Donelson and Sisters were out sleigh riding Sat. night and also called on Charley Davis's.

We will ring off and come again, so good bye to all.

## Washington

### Letter

From Our Regular Correspondents

From C. A. Snow & Co. "PATENTS." Washington, D. C., Feb. 26, 1910.

What is everybody's business is no body's business, and everybody's business is the government of the United States. Most men have enough to do with the government of their families sometimes assisted by recalcitrant wives and children, but if they are public-spirited, they may turn their attention to village or county affairs, and even know something about the affairs of their state, whether it be Texas or Rhode Island. But when it comes to national and international affairs, not one voter in ten is or tries to be well informed. Nevertheless, this voter has his say in the most delicate, multifarious and momentous of national affairs. It is a wonderful system, without having much system about it, and one wonders how long it will last, or what will be the result of the evolution in popular government.

President Taft is advocating a naval program calling for the building of two immense battleships of the 25 thousand ton class each year until the Panama Canal shall be finished. This means ten battleships of the heaviest tonnage and guns. He desired to carry out the Roosevelt "Big Stick" policy under the impression that the best safeguard against war is to be fully armed for it. The Panama Canal, it is calculated, will be completed in 1915, and it is urged that after its completion the naval program can be reduced, for then instead of sending fleets around Cape Horn for the protection of our Pacific border, they can be sent through the Canal and loaded at several depots of our own enroute. It is thought that Congress will make an appropriation for the two ships a year program.

There is a continuous discussion in Congress with reference to ship subsidies. The American carrying trade sixty years ago covered all seas, and the Stars and Stripes could be seen in every port in the world. The flag at present is confined exclusively to our interior and coast trade. Two years ago when our battle-ships circumnavigated the globe, they were supplied with provisions and coal by foreign vessels. Ex-Secretary of the Treasury Leslie Shaw has recently made the startling announcement that Japan is determined to rule the Pacific or tinge its waves with blood, and he has added to this statement details as to how Japan can do it. He says that we hired twenty-seven foreign ships to carry supplies for our around the world

battle-ships, and that one hostile shot from any country that owns a cannon would under international law have sent every one of these twenty-seven ships home, for no country can afford quarrels. He further stated in 1909 the War Department hired over forty foreign ships to do its work, and that we are sending food to the soldiers in the Philippine Islands in Japanese ships. He stated further that Japan can put two hundred thousand soldiers in Hawaii in thirty days without firing a shot, and that it would take us two years to put one hundred thousand there. The Ex-Secretary of the Treasury has a happy faculty of graphic statement and illustration, and his combination of arithmetic and rhetoric produce a vivid, impressive and true picture. For better or worse, we to have its flag involved in our and a part of the international system. This has been brought about through our Hawaii and our Philippines. The secure insularity once afforded us by the two great oceans is no longer ours. We must be able to defend our frontiers, Hawaii in mid Pacific and the Philippines in Asiatic waters. We cannot do this without soldiers and ships, not only war-ships, but colliers and commissary ships. How nations can build ships and employ sailors for half the price that we must pay. As Mr. Shaw says, "These are not state secrets. Every body knows them except our voters. We are building battle ships, and this is well, but battle-ships without colliers and transports are absolutely worthless. In case of war we could not get our Atlantic fleet to San Francisco. No vessel in the fleet can carry enough coal to take it there. We have no colliers, and could then hire none." Ex-Secretary Shaw further stated that every powder-mill in the United States was to make powder twenty-four hours per day for thirty days, the product would last our present Navy only two hours.

### DRY CREEK ITEMS.

The melting snow has caused Dry Creek to be rather wet just now.

We are having muddy weather at present.

Mr. Fred Miller and wife attended the funeral of their aunt at Mansfield Sunday.

School closed at Hickory Flat Tuesday, Miss Amy Thomas teacher, Miss Thomas leaves for her home at Little Beaver Mo. she will be missed by many friends.

There was singing at Mr. Drew Ryan's Sunday night.

Several cases of measles reported in the neighborhood, and also Lagrippe of which A. L. Brewer has been a victim for the past three weeks.

Belle Ryan has returned from Judge Baker's where she has been staying the past six months we are glad to have her back.

Lum Moore has postponed his sale on account of bad weather until March 3rd.

Mrs. Drew Ryan who has been sick is recovering.

Willie Wilson and family of Pittsburg Kans. have returned home after a thirty days visit with their parents Jim Millsap and wife.

The common sentiment on Dry Creek is that the little Colony sheet is a rattling good little paper.

### PICKUPS FROM NEAR NORWOOD.

BY THE "MARGUERITE"

Hello Editor and readers of the CRESSET how are you all enjoying this bad, bad, weather?

This is bad weather for the measles, but all who have them in this vicinity are improving nicely.

Jesse Bruton took pneumonia fever Sunday and died Friday morning Feb. 25 three skillful physicians attended him, but could do him no good. He was laid to rest Sat. in the Thomas Cemetery.

Mrs. Robert Swing and sister-in-law Louise Swing went to Springfield Friday night the former to make her home and the latter to attend school, Mr. Swing had gone on before to purchase a residence and is now manager of the gas works at that place.

Maggie and Fern Steinert spent Tuesday with their sister Mrs. A. C. Caudle.

Mrs. R. F. Jarrett spent Friday with her father Mr. Amos Caudle who is very low with pneumonia fever.

Lucie Purdie is assisting Mrs. Mary Bruton for a few days.

Cleveland Hurt is visiting relation at Trask.

Caudle school closed a six month term of school Feb. 16: The pupils were sorrow for school to close, as they were all doing fine work and had an excellent teacher. Those who will receive diplomas are as follows: Elvin and Louis Swing, Nora Thomas, and Bewie Caudle.

A. C. Caudle and family also Maggie Steinert spent Sunday at R. L. Jarrette.

Olester, McCaskey who has been in Texas for the past year has returned to Norwood.

Hoping to see this in print I will close, so fare thee well.

### LINDSAY CALIF ITEMS.

By a Mo. Girl.

Hello Kind Ed. and friends, Here comes us Calif. again to see if we can get a corner in your little paper.

We are having fine weather and also a nice rain Sat. night.

M. P. Phillips sold his ranch last week, and Mr. Bruton and family will move back to their home in Lindsay next Tuesday.

Mr. Orton and J. R. Bruton was out looking over a ranch Sat. in view of buying.

Iva Absher spent last Wed. with her cousin Elmer Finley.

A surprise candy pulling was given last Sat. night at Mr.

Williams' in honor of their son All reported a nice time, if they did get wet going.

Mr. Phillips made a flying trip to Potterville last week.

We are glad to hear of so many of the Mo. people coming to Calif there is lots of room if any more wants to come.

Mrs. Bruton and daughter spent Sat. with Jim Absher and family.

Evy Phillips Florence and Ethel Elster took dinner with Otis Bruton Sunday.

The Sunday School at Oakdale is progressing nicely.

Well as news are scarce today I will ring off, so good bye.

## NOTICE.

Come to the Colony to get your meal ground. If you want good meal and plenty of it come to the Colony to get it. On the Dan. Hilton farm 3 miles south of Norwood. You can get it grinding any day you come, and Can get lumber too. tc

## OBITUARY

On Feb. 25, 1910 Mr. Jesse J. Bruton passed this life to the great beyond at 10:30 o'clock. He was born May 30th, 1882 near Whetstone in Wright County Mo. He leaves a wife, little son, and mother, two sisters, one brother and many relatives and friend to mourn his loss, we trust their loss is his eternal gain. He was laid to rest in the Thomas Cemetery. Funeral services was rendered by Rev. Holland.

His body was laid in silent rest,

By friends so kind and true;

Of Heaven's broad plains he is a guest,

He has no more suffering on earth to do

The wife weeps o'er the vacant chair,

The son must fare her loss;

The mother too must sorrow share,

Brother and sister count this world but dross.

By the "Marguerite."

## DIED.

Little Mary Swain daughter of Mr. Swain and Maggie Swain his wife At Pocahontas Ark. was Born Jan. 4, 1910. Died on the same day.

The little darling rests in love.

It's free from worldly pain.

Its spirit's gone to heaven above;

Where God is all supreme.